



December 2010



Mac's Tracks

The newsletter of

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NJ Macpherson School

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 2 Gymnastics group 2 Hockey Academy	2 Day 3 Gymnastics group 3 12:15 3-5 Choir	3 Day 4 Pasta Lunch Hockey Academy	4
5 Set construction 2-4pm	6 Day 5 Montessori Christmas Prac- tice at NACC (am)	7 Day 6 Gymnastics group 4 3:30 Staff Mtg. 4L unveils their art mural Grade 2 Feast 12:15 3-5 Choir	8 Day 1 A Very Winter Special 1:30 Performance Dress 7:00 Performance 7:00 PAC Bake Sale	9 Day 2 Gymnastics group 6 Hockey Academy	10 Day 3 Used Book Exchange 5W Pizza Sale	11
12	13 Day 4 Hockey Academy	14 Day 5 Gymnastics group 1 Montessori Christmas Concert @ NACC at 7pm	15 Day 6 Gymnastics group 2 11:30—Christmas Caroling in Gym	16 Day 1 Gymnastics group 3 Hotdog Lunch for Students 9:00—Christmas Caroling /Assembly Pajama Spirit Day	17 Day 2 Hockey Academy 9:00—Christmas Caroling in Gym	18
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Christmas Break—December 18—January 3						
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Looking Ahead:
January 4th—School Resumes
January 27th—Family Literacy Day

Important Dates:

- ◆ **NJ's Winter concert**
Dec. 8th -1:30 and 7 pm
- ◆ **Pasta Sale** Dec. 3rd
- ◆ **Used Book Exchange**
Dec. 10th
- ◆ **Montessori Concert**
Dec. 14th - 7 pm at NACC
- ◆ **Hotdog Lunch for Students** Dec. 16th
- ◆ **Christmas Caroling**
Dec. 16th, 17th, 18th
- ◆ **Pajama Spirit Day**
Dec. 16th
- ◆ **Red and Green Spirit Day** Dec. 17th
- ◆ **Winter Break**
Dec. 18th to Jan. 3rd

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December Events

Student Hotdog Lunch— Our annual hotdog lunch for students is taking place on December 16th at noon. We treat all students to hotdogs and oranges for lunch. Please send snacks and a drink for your child that day, but don't worry about lunch—it's on us!

Montessori Christmas Concert— The Montessori School will be having their annual Christmas Concert at NACC on December 14th at 7pm. K Montessori (Ms. Roberta), LEM (Ms. Raegan), and UEM (Ms. Maria) will join together with the 4 CASA classes for a special holiday performance. Ticket orders must be returned to the teacher by December 3rd. For further information please contact Tanya Murphy at 873- 7987.

Christmas Caroling—Classes will gather in the school gym on the last three days before Christmas break to sing some Christmas Favourites. Parents and families are welcome to come and join us.

Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 11:30
 Thursday, Dec. 16th at 9:00
 Friday, Dec. 17th at 9:00

NJ's Winter Concert
A Very Winter Special

Featuring performances by:
 K Kolchetski, K/1 Therrien, 1 Moran, 2 Booker, 2/3 Allerston,
 4/5 Remillard, & the Grade 3-6 Choir

Performance Dress:
 Wednesday, December 8th at 1:30 pm

Evening Performance:
 Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm

There is no admission cost.
 We will accept non-perishable food items for the food drive!
 PAC will be holding a bake sale in the atrium.

NJ's Used Book Exchange

Students...

Do you have good, used books **AT YOUR LEVEL** at home that you don't read anymore? Are they in good shape? Would you like to trade these books in for different books?

Now's your chance!

NJ School will be hosting a Used Book Exchange on **December 10th, 2010**.

During the next ten days, start looking for books you would like to trade. Once you have your parents' permission, bring as many as **TEN BOOKS** to your class and your teacher will keep track of your green tokens - one for each book. You will be using them to "buy" a "new to you" book on December 10th.

Students may bring books to the library until **December 9th**.

Something to consider...

Some students at NJ won't have books to bring in to exchange. If you have lots of books you've outgrown, you may want to donate a few. All donated tokens will be handed out to students who don't have many books at home. Our hope is that every student at NJ takes home a new book to read over the holidays.

Parents/Guardians...

Now you can get in on the fun too!

Send in a maximum of 5 used books (fiction or non-fiction) with your child by December 9th. Your child's teacher will keep track of the number (1 red token/book). These red tokens can be used by YOU if you come and visit our Exchange on December 10th or you can give them to your child so they can choose a book as a surprise for you.

This is a great way to model the love of reading to your children!



Puppeteer Visits NJ

Right: Nathalie Labossiere came to visit NJ. All students enjoyed a special performance by 1M, 2B, & 4/5R

Left: Parents and students join together in a Saturday morning puppet making workshop



NEWSLETTER

I wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the NJ School Newsletter. Please take a moment to fill out this form and return it to the office.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

NEWSLETTER DRAW

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please take a moment to fill out this form and put it in the draw can in the office. Each month we will have a draw and the lucky winner will receive a gift. Good luck!

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

A focus on Literacy

Literacy Coach: Brenda Johnson

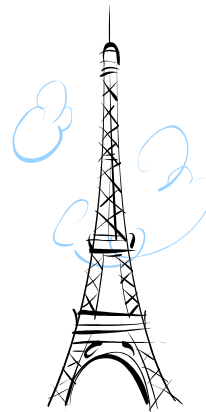
Strategy: Making Predictions

To help your child with reading comprehension, focus on Predicting.

With younger children, do a "picture walk" through the book before reading it together. See what story your child can see and talk about from viewing the pictures. What story do the pictures tell?

You can encourage older children to predict what they think is going to happen or what they may learn about in a piece of text by encouraging them to use the following prompts before and during their reading:

- "I'm guessing this will be about"
- "This title / heading / picture makes me think"
- "I wonder ..."



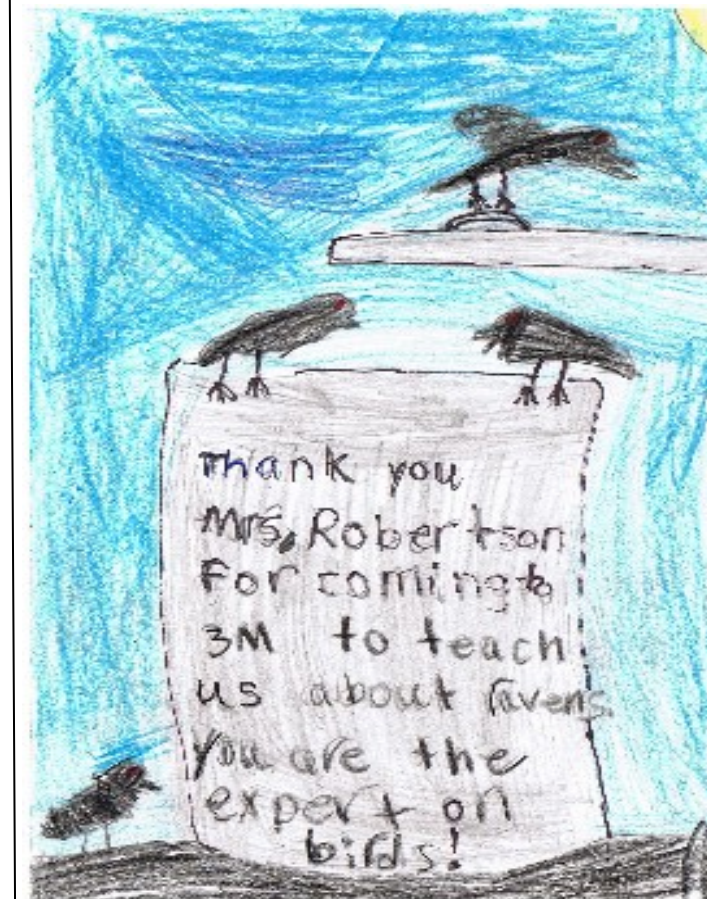
A focus on French Les nouvelles françaises

Core French Teacher
M-F Le Doze

Bonjour,
Below are « un petit peu de nouvelles » from the French class.

Thank You

Myra Robertson came to Mrs. Malakoe's grade 3 class and gave a presentation on Ravens. Hannah Inman (Author) and Logan Doyle (Illustrator) wrote this special note to show their appreciation for all the amazing information they learned.



Winter has finally arrived therefore the lower grades are learning about winter clothing, body parts and the cold weather.

As Christmas is fast approaching, most classes are learning vocabulary related to the holidays. Students are also learning one or two songs, either about Christmas or about winter.

Some students are interested in learning more French. Here are some web sites to help them.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/french/sect01/index.htm>

<http://jean-nicolaslefle.viabloga.com/news/francais-pour-debutants>

<http://www.lepointdufle.net/debutants.htm>

<http://www.educalire.net/Francais.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/>

<http://www.francaisfacile.com/cours/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/lj/>

<http://www.languageguide.org/french/>

In January 2011, I will offer an extra 30 minutes (lunch recess), once a cycle, to the students who are interested in going into Intensive Core French. They will learn more French while playing different games.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année à tous !